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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to an Office Action mailed January 18, 2008, which had a shortened statutory period for reply that expired April 18, 2008. This submission is accompanied by a Petition for a one-month (1) Extension of Time.

In the event, that any additional extension of time is determined to be required, please treat this paper as a request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2755 the appropriate large entity fee in order to avoid abandonment.

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